

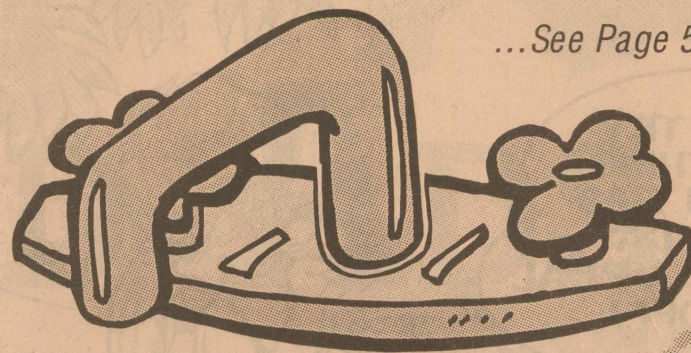
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Commissioners weigh budget concerns

Schleicher County Commissioners spent much of the day Monday discussing the 2003 budget and considering areas where they could trim a few dollars. As the meeting moved from one agenda item to the next, each topic was viewed by how it would affect the pending budget.

On hand for the meeting were County Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Kirk Griffin, Bill Clark and Johnny Mayo. Commissioner Ross Whitten was absent. County Clerk Peggy Williams, County Treasurer Karen Henderson and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson were also in attendance. Ray Ballew, Chief Appraiser of the

Schleicher County Appraisal District joined the meeting toward the end and invited the commissioners to inspect the new shatterproof windows that have been installed on the second floor of the old jail building. The quarter-inch thick glass cost the appraisal district approximately \$6,000.00, but should withstand future hail storms, Ballew explained.

In other business the commissioners learned that the rest rooms at the golf course have been remodeled and that city crews are laying a new sewer line and installing a "lift pump" in the old septic tank, so that the facility can be connected to the city sewer system.

Commissioner Mayo noted that water to the rest rooms was disconnected during the remodeling project. He noted that the facility had become "very dirty." Judge Griffin said that he had approached several individuals about cleaning the facility on a weekly basis. Griffin stated that no one seemed interested in taking the job for \$50 per week. The commissioners chose to contact representatives of the Golf Club to see if a solution could be reached.

While on the subject of the Golf Club, Commissioner Kirk Griffin questioned increases in membership dues at the club and noted that membership in the club is down by 15-20 percent. Griffin also said that about half of tournament fees go to the club and asked why the club needed the extra money since it is partially funded by the county. Griffin further suggested that perhaps the commissioners should reduce the county's contribution to the club if it continues to insist on making a profit. Discussion then turned briefly to the possibility that the Golf Club might be trying to raise funds to build a new club house.

The commissioners allowed \$26,300.00 in the 2002 budget for the golf club and has spent \$12,122.75 in the past six months.

Next, the commissioners voted to approve an assignment of easements obtained in 1952 by Shell Pipeline Corporation. The easements were transferred to Rancho Pipeline, a subsidiary of Shell. Bonds for Deputy Sheriffs Jason Chatham and David Olivan

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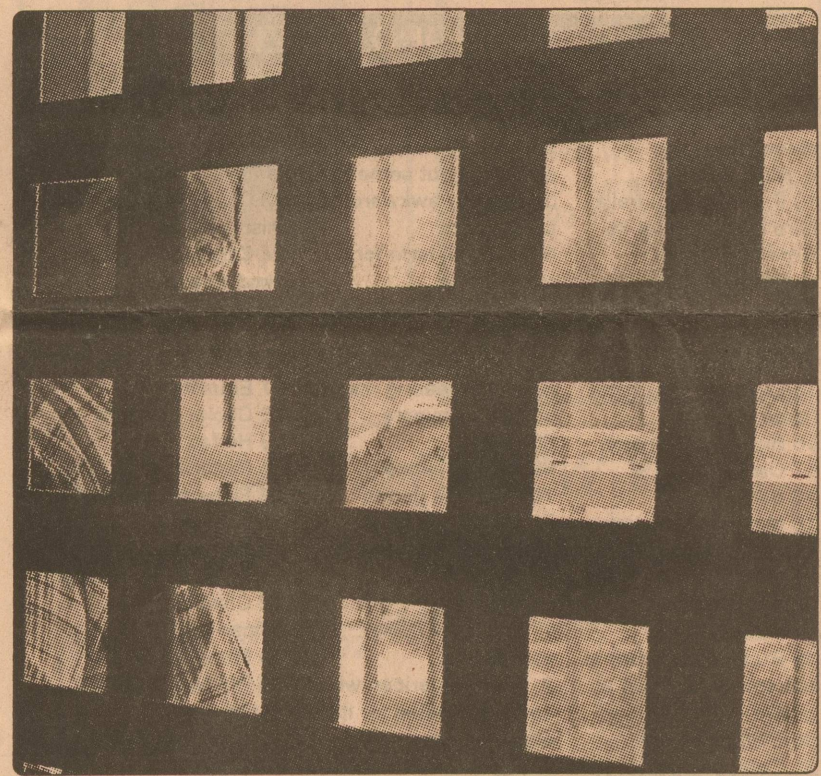


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Behind bars? Not really. Schleicher County Commissioner Johnny Mayo inspected new windows installed in the second floor of the Old Jail building. The structure currently houses the offices of the Schleicher County Appraisal District.

Computer classes FREE to the community

Yes, you read it right...FREE computer classes, offered right here in Eldorado. The Schleicher County Community Network (SCCN) is hosting training courses for community members. Every member of the community is eligible to attend.

The only requirement is that you sign up for the classes in advance because of the limited number of computers in each training room. Every person who registers to attend a computer class will be sitting at a computer where he/she

will have hands-on experience.

Computer courses will be offered through April of 2003. The goal of SCCN is for every adult in Schleicher County to have an opportunity to attend at least one computer class. These free computer courses are being offered because our community received a grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Board (TIF) to install a high-speed infrastructure and to allow our citizens access to computers and computer training.

To sign up for the FREE com-

puter classes, call Mary Doran at 853-2514 x226 and tell her which class you would like to attend.

Individual classes include the following:

- Introduction to PC's - Sept. 3, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HS Access Lab. Very basic look at your personal computer including: reviews of all parts of the front, back and inside of your PC; an explanation of all drive doors, lights, and connectors; monitors; keyboards; mouse; and printers. The course

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Hospital trustees don't wait for grant funds, move to acquire X-ray equipment now

Schleicher County Hospital will be getting new X-ray equipment soon, whether or not grant money materializes to pay for it. The hospital district's board of trustees decided Monday night to borrow money to fund the purchase. Meanwhile, two grants, one through the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), the other through the San Angelo Health Foundation, are being sought to help offset the cost.

The board learned three months ago that the hospital's X-ray equipment was in bad shape.

Then last month, as the group considered bids from four vendors, they were told that replacement parts for the current equipment is no longer being manufactured.

"The next time it breaks down, it's down for good," Board President Randy Mankin stated as the trustees weighed their options Monday night. "As I see it we really don't have much of a choice."

The board agreed and voted in favor of a resolution authorizing that approximately \$160,000.00, be borrowed at First National Bank of Eldorado. The measure

passed with all trustees voting in favor except for Shirley Joiner, who abstained due to her employment at the bank.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Randy Mankin. Also on hand for the meeting were trustees Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, and Jim Martin. Trustee Shirley Joiner arrived shortly after the meeting began and joined the group behind closed doors where they discussed real property in an executive session. The board returned to open session at

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Ta -- Ta -- Tagoo! Claude Spencer demonstrated his Tagoo calling skills last Saturday for newspaper columnist and radio personality Tumbleweed Smith during the dedication of the Tagoo Sanctuary at Jim Runge's Hysterical District near the south end of town. The tongue-in-cheek event was held to celebrate Spencer's discovery of the mythical Tagoo bird in 1959. Among the many Eldorado natives who grew up hearing and answering the eerie Tagoo call were Johnny Mayo, Ricky Jones and Danny Halbert, all of whom were on hand to help mark the occasion with Tagoo calls of their own.

First-ever Tagoo calling honors man who discovered the bird in 1959

Claude Spencer recognized for his dedication to Eldorado

Some say he dreamed it all up, others claim he never saw one at all, but Claude Spencer has been adamant about the issue since 1959. That's when he says he spotted a Tagoo bird in Eldorado.

What's a Tagoo? Well it's a bird that looks sort of like a woodpecker, but not really. Some claim it more closely resembles a roadrunner, except it's more colorful and slightly faster. Still others suggest that it appears more like a cross between a tufted titmouse and a barn owl.

It's all speculation, however, since Claude Oran Spencer of Eldorado is the only human ever to have seen one of the elusive birds. He was on hand Saturday for the formal dedication of the Tagoo Bird Refuge and Sanctuary, and he shared his observations with the assembled crowd.

Jim Runge, master of ceremonies, asked Claude to describe the Tagoo. "Some are big, especially the larger ones," he replied, "some are small, and those would be the little ones."

When asked about the Tagoo's range, Claude said that sometimes they go north and sometimes they go south. What about the Tagoo's habitat? Well, that's the same as its range, Claude replied matter-of-factly.

A crowd of about thirty-five well wishers were on hand for the ceremony. So was newspaper columnist and radio personality Tumbleweed Smith. "Is the Tagoo nocturnal?" Smith asked. "No," Claude fired back, "it only comes out at night."

The entire event was put together by Jim Runge to honor the

man who entertained a couple of generations of Eldorado youth with his Tagoo calls. Some of those folks were on hand and took part in the program. Danny Halbert, Ricky Jones and Johnny Mayo each took turns calling the Tagoo. Just as Claude had done moments earlier the men cupped their hands to their mouth and called out, "Ta -- Ta -- Tagoo!" Finally, a mass Tagoo call issued forth from the crowd. Just then a faint rustling could be detected in the sparse mesquite brush. Suddenly, from around the giant Tagoo nest located in the center of the Sanctuary came three, brightly colored Tagoo birds!

Well, not real Tagoo birds, at

least not in the strictest sense of the word, but brightly colored imitations, portrayed by Josh Taylor, LiAnna Danford and Zack Taylor.

"Nobody's ever seen a Tagoo but Claude," Jim Runge explained afterward. "So, we used some of the many descriptions he has given us and came up with these fac-similes."

"As near as we can tell, this is what a Tagoo looks like," Runge added, pointing to the three youths.

The day began downtown at Runge's unofficial headquarters, the old Griffin gas station at the stoplight. The building also doubles as the central office for the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

A Covey of Tagoo Birds — Three variants of the Tagoo Bird species greeted visitors Saturday to the first-ever Tagoo Calling at Jim Runge's "Hysterical District" on South Divide Street. The three colorful birds were portrayed by (L-R) LiAnna Danford, Zack Taylor and Josh Taylor. Following a mass Tagoo call, the three came out of hiding, carrying their large, multicolored eggs.

Is Elvis waiting for you at the finish line?



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Not that life was ever dull here in Eldorado, but my how things have changed since Jim Runge moved back to town.

For those new to the area, and for our many readers outside Schleicher County who haven't been formally introduced, Jim's last name is pronounced Rungee. He is part-time philosopher, part-time entrepreneur and full-time promoter of Eldorado and Schleicher County.

When Jim isn't occupied with other, weightier pursuits, he stays busy dreaming up events like the Sagima Saim Festival or the Mass Tagoo Calling. In his spare time Jim single-handedly created Eldorado's "Hysterical District" and formed the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee, which is headquartered in the old Griffin gas station, located at the stoplight.

Jim drives a Mazda Miata convertible painted to resemble a holstein cow, or perhaps a Gateway

computer box. He calls the car his Moo-ata. His other car is outfitted with fins, a rocket exhaust and Batman decals. It goes well with his Batman costume, complete with cape, cowl and gauntlets.

One day Jim was spotted near the stoplight, sporting a tuxedo and carrying a sign that read, "Will Work for Grey Poupon." He told me later that the reaction he received from the passersby could be divided roughly into thirds. One-third thought his get-up was hilarious. One-third didn't grasp the concept. The remaining third sat at the stoplight and refused to look at him, staring blankly ahead, terrified that he might be a genuine panderer.

Jim has also been known to pose as Elvis. In fact, the first time I remember seeing Jim was during Eldorado's Centennial Parade when he strode down Main Street on stilts, dressed as a 10-foot tall Elvis.

Jim was raised in Schleicher County. In fact, his Grandfather, Colonel Black, was one of the region's early settlers. His father, Forrest Runge was one of the few survivors of the Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900.

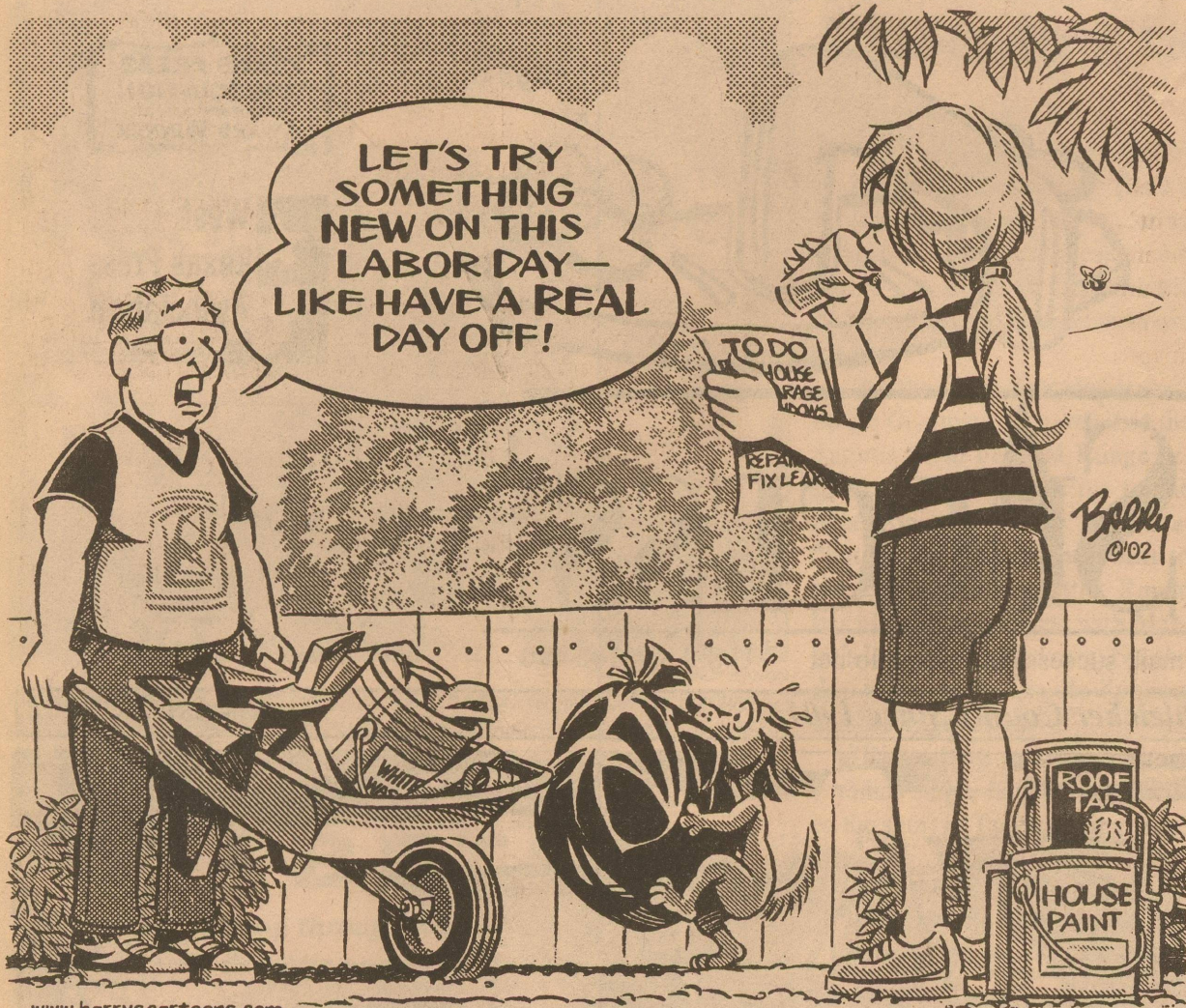
Perhaps growing up around that kind of notoriety influenced Jim as a youngster. Or, it could be that he just naturally sought attention. Whatever the reason, Jim soon set about making a name for himself here in Schleicher County, and athletics would be his avenue to local fame.

Always gifted in sports, Jim was often seen running to school in the mornings and back home again in the afternoon. So what, you ask, lots of kids do that. Perhaps, but how many of those live 12 miles from town?

In 1962 the Eldorado Eagles mile relay team, consisting of Jim Runge, Ray Ballew, Lynn Meador and Richard Self, placed 1st at the State Track Meet in Austin. Lynn Meador, says that the goal was to keep the race close and get the baton into Jim's hand so that he could win it on the anchor leg.

"Jim was a mess," Lynn said. "Sometimes he would run up beside another runner and strike up a conversation. Or he would pull out ahead of the others then turn around and wave at them come on." Lynn said that one time Jim finished a race far enough ahead that he had time to pick up the finish line tape and hold it for the second place runner.

Perhaps that's what Jim is doing now. Maybe he's already finished the race that we're still running, and he's just standing there, holding the tape and waiting for the rest of us to catch up.



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Lawmakers worried as state budget deficit grows

AUSTIN — The budget news has not been good and it's not getting any better.

An anticipated \$5 billion state budget shortfall that has been the subject of a considerable amount of hand wringing has become an estimated \$7 billion deficit. And the Comptroller's Office has not yet made an official revenue projection, nor has the Legislative Budget Board weighed in with its numbers.

The numbers have changed and probably will get even worse, but the bottom line on what elected officials are saying has not changed: The 77th Legislature will

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



be painful. "Bloody awful" is how Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff has described the situation.

Despite the desperate need for revenue, political candidates and just about everyone else continue to say, "No new taxes."

West Nile virus

The Texas Department of Health is recommending precaution, not panic, in dealing with the

spread of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus.

So far one West Nile human fatality has been reported in Texas as of Aug. 22.

Mosquitoes, which can transmit the disease to humans or animals, are attracted to standing water. They can propagate with only a thimble of water, going from egg to adult in only one week. An adult female will live about 30 days.

The Health Department recommends checking and emptying anything outside that could hold water, from plant saucers to old tires. Beyond that, use an insect repellent containing DEET and wear long-sleeve shirts or blouses and long pants when outside.

For more information on the West Nile situation, check the agency's Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us.

Dove season starts Sept. 1
Dove season starts in the central and north zones on the first day of September. If you don't have a place to hunt yet, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department can fix you up for \$40 — about a third of what a dove lease costs.

That \$40 buys an annual public hunting permit that gives hunters access to more than 1 million acres of public hunting lands, including 158 parcels covering more than 61,000 acres leased by the state primarily for dove hunting.

Hunting and fishing licenses for the 2002-03 season went on sale Aug. 15.

Other high-lites

• The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has a new name effective Sept. 1. On date that, it will begin doing business for the state as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The change was mandated by Sunset legislation passed during the last session...

• A library is the place to go if you don't subscribe to a particular magazine but still enjoy reading. The same now goes for Web sites. The Texas State Library has subscribed to HeritageQuest Online, a Web site for genealogical researchers. The site contains U.S. census data for 1790, 1810, 1840 and 1870 and is searchable. For more information, e-mail texshare@tsl.state.tx.us or call 512-463-7610...

• Despite the lackluster economy, some good financial news is available: Texas has received the highest possible bond ratings from each of the three top New York rating firms, Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings. The Comptroller's Office sold \$5.8 billion in Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes on Aug. 20...



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A Texas Hero in New York City

I interviewed Dusty Shelhamer yesterday. He's a member of that new breed of American heroes. He's a fireman. He works as a driver, arson investigator and paramedic for the Big Spring Fire Department. He's also a member of the National Disaster Medical System which provides help all across the nation during times of crisis.

"Anytime a disaster overloads the natural system, we can move in and provide recovery," says Dusty. "We can set up a full mobile field hospital and help the overloaded situation."

He was working out in a gym on September eleven and saw the planes hit the World Trade Center. "It wasn't fifteen minutes before my phone started ringing. They wanted me in New York to help."

Because of airline delays, Dusty arrived in Manhattan on September 15. "On the way to the scene, people lined the streets waving banners and clapping, showing their appreciation to the rescue workers. The closer we got, the more smoke we saw. The reality of the situation hit me when I looked up and saw the mound of rubble. I had to tilt my head way back to see the top of it."

Dusty ended up working three 20-day tours. Twenty days on, twenty days off. He put in twelve hours a day.

"People in New York treated us great. The firefighters there are the same guys I work with here. They just have different names. You could sit down for a meal in a fire station and feel right at home. There's just a mentality that all fire

fighters have. They're the same all over."

He says the experience in New York was tremendous. "Part of me wishes it was something I didn't have to go through, but the other part of me says I would do it again tomorrow."

He worked in a medical tent treating firemen and he also sifted through the debris. "Nobody had a specified job. We did something different every day." He spent his 30th birthday in New York City.

Dusty met up with a Texan who was handling the biggest mobile crane in America. Together they hung a Texas flag on the crane and hoisted it up. It flew when President Bush visited the site.

Right in the middle of working the World Trade Center, he was called to help with the crash of Flight 587 in Queens. For his work, Dusty was presented the "Distinguished Member of the Year" plaque by the National Disaster organization. It means a lot to him because it is from his peers. Modestly, he says he didn't deserve it, but apparently his coworkers had a different opinion.

Among the items he brought back home is a poster size picture of the three firemen putting up the American flag signed by over a hundred fire fighters. He took several photos at ground zero. There were several sights he saw but didn't photograph, but they will never leave his memory.

Back home, Dusty canceled the first "Hero" stamp at the Big Spring Post Office. Dusty is looking forward to taking his wife to New York City for a visit.

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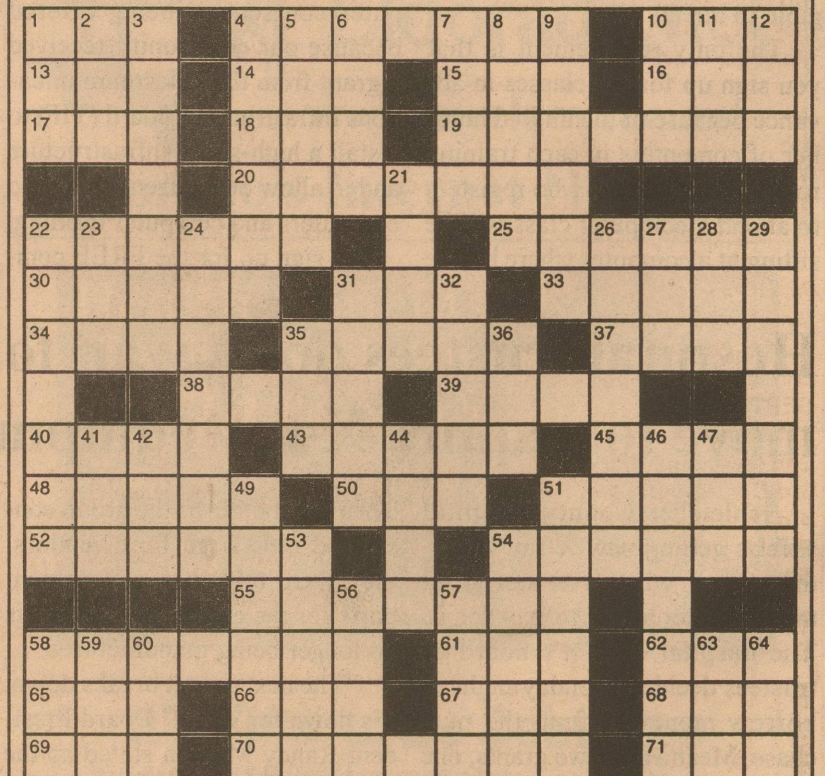
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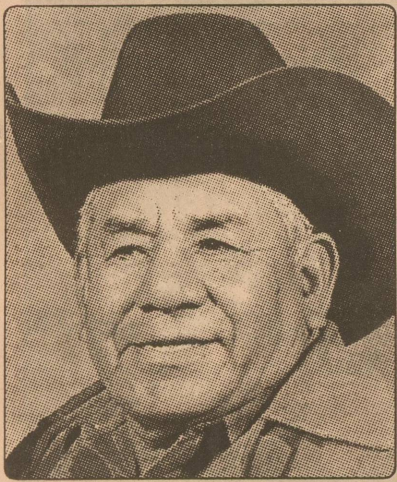
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Pomoso Rodriguez Reynosa



Marisela Belman and husband, Martin, Rosa Martinez, Olivia Funetes and her husband, Nicho Jr., and Elizabeth Fuentes and her husband, Juan Jr., all of Eldorado; 22 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Surviving brothers and sisters are, Pillar Rodriguez and Manuela Garcia of Eldorado, Elena Alcala of Del Rio, and Antonia Trevino, Rebecca Rodriguez, Juanita Ortiz and Abel Rodriguez, all of Mexico.

ELDERADO — Pomoso Rodriguez Reynosa, born on April 8, 1920, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002. He was married to Agustina Servin Rodriguez in August 1942 and they were happily married 60 years.

He is survived by his wife, Agustina of Eldorado; two sons, Eljio (Leo) Rodriguez and his wife, Sylvia, of Eldorado and Pomoposo Rodriguez Jr. and his wife, Sera, of Andrews; four daughters,

Pomoso was a resident of Schleicher County for more than 50 years, during which he worked as a ranch foreman for over 30 years and later moved to town and retired from the City of Eldorado.

Funeral service was Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at Templo Getsemani. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Donny Fuentes, Leon Fuentes, Lee Roy Fuentes, T.J. Rodriguez, John Paul Fuentes; and one great-grandson, Kenny Bautista.

Moms in Touch International seeks members in Eldorado

What is Moms in Touch?

•A non-denominational group of women - mothers, grandmothers or anyone who is willing to pray for a specific child and school - including those students attending college

•Two or more women who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers and administrators.

•Women who believe that prayer makes a difference!

What is its purpose?

•To stand in the gap for our children through prayer.

•To pray that our children will receive Jesus as Lord and Savior then stand boldly in their faith.

•To pray that teachers, administrative staff, and students would come to faith in Jesus.

•To provide support and encouragement to moms who carry heavy

burdens for their children.

•To pray that our school many be directed by biblical values and high moral standards.

•To be an encouragement and a positive support to our schools.

Come join us!

The Moms in Touch prayer groups will meet at the following locations at the times indicated: Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 7:00 a.m. contact -- Judith Samaniego 853-2760; First Baptist Church Preschool Building, Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m., contact -- Liz Anderson 853-2406; Templo Getsemani, each morning at 9:00 a.m., contact -- Rev. Peter Thornton 853-3484; and the Methodist Church Prayer Room, Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., -- contact Carrie Hill 853-3278

Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact one of the group leaders to confirm time, day and meeting place. Some groups have someone to watch your preschool children during the prayer meeting - no charge.

If you would like to be part of a Moms in Touch prayer group but the meeting times do not work with your schedule please contact Liz Anderson at 853-2406 for information about starting other prayer groups.

For those who are already a member of a group - those weeks when your schedule doesn't allow you to meet with your group feel free to meet and pray with another group. Don't let "busy-ness" interfere with something as important as praying for our children!

Visit the Moms in Touch website: www.momsintouch.org.

Tourism Partnership holds annual meeting at X Bar Ranch

The annual meeting of the South West Texas Tourism Partnership was held at the X Bar Ranch in Eldorado on Wednesday, August 31. This partnership covers Schleicher, Sutton and Crockett counties and the major goal of the group is to foster the growth of tourism as an economic development strategy. Partners in this program include Texas Cooperative Extension - Texas A & M University, the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center and the Concho Valley Resource Development and Conservation Service. Steering Committee members from Eldorado are Stan Meador and Stacy Jurecek. County Extension Agents Nancy Lester and Scott Edmonson are involved in various projects associated with this effort as well as

Vickie Williams with the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce. Kent's Automotive, Amigo's Dream Restaurant and West Texas Lumber and Hardware are part of a pilot effort utilizing the Texas Hospitality program.

Another project being implemented at the current time is a compilation of telephone numbers, contact names and business services essential for tourists and others visiting this area. Categories include a variety of areas and letters are being mailed out this week.

Stan Meador is chairing the committee to formulate an indicator map for Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett and Kimble counties featuring items of tourist interest. Tourism is built upon cooperation and can produce benefits using existing assets. Anyone who wants more information on this program can call the County Extension Office, the Chamber of Commerce or Stan Meador.

FREE computer classes offered

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will be offered again on Sept. 9, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

• Introduction to Windows - Sept. 3, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HS Computer Lab. Basics of Windows; how to start your computer, how to start programs and how to turn off your computer. Explanations on how to minimize, maximize, move, and switch between programs; opening files, and saving them; cutting and pasting, formatting text and file management. The course will be offered again on Sept. 5, 2002, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and on Sept. 8, 2002, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

• Introduction to the Internet - Sept. 5, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HS Library Access Lab. General information on using the Internet; using the toolbar; setting a home page; hyperlinks; search engines; setting favorites; downloading and saving files; and printing from the Internet...etc. The course will be offered again on Sept. 8, 2002, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

• Windows - Sept. 9, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HS Computer Lab. How to use menus and toolbars; info on using WordPad; editing text; copying and pasting; printing files; getting help and using the help index; selecting, replacing, and deleting text; and learning how to "Undo" things.

• Introduction to Microsoft Word - Sept. 10, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HS Library Access Lab. Microsoft Word word processing program; opening, formatting, editing, saving, and deleting documents; and various parts of the tool bar.

• Internet Searching - Sept. 10, 2002, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HS Computer Lab. Internet search engines and how to use them to find what you want on the Internet.

It's A Girl!

Elizabeth Brienne Gilmer, daughter of Rheta and Bill Gilmer of Lindsey, Texas, was born at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2002. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18 and 1/2 inches long.

Elizabeth Brienne was anxiously awaited by her three aunts, Amanda, Laura and Meghan Bradley, uncle Blake, and cousins Alanah, Kiera and Kailie.

She is the 4th granddaughter of Charles R. and Cecilia Bradley of Eldorado and the 27th great-grandchild of Naomi Dodson, also of Eldorado.

Paternal grandparents are Debbie & Mansel Gilmer of Clyde and Linda & Billy Wilson of Colorado.

Elizabeth Brienne is also the great-granddaughter of Connie Tyler of Gainsville, Texas.

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31st Pat Ragsdale, Dora Bosman, Melvin Conner Sr., Mary Hoffman, Mark Bybee, Cindy Bybee, Robert O'Keefe

SEPTEMBER

1st Ronnie Sauer, Rene Dominguez
2nd Lavonne Espinosa, Jeff Sellers, Carolyn Mayo, Franky Estrada, Oscar Rios Sr., Jesus Guadarrama
3rd Charlene Sudduth, Byron Guiterrez, Mack Holley, Connie Martinez, Jeff Sellers, Shawn Hamilton, Tommy Phippen, Steve Whitten
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Eagles battle McCamey in final scrimmage, prepare for season-opener tomorrow against Christoval

by David E. Hill

The Eagles completed their pre-season in a scrimmage against McCamey last Friday night. The Badgers are rated in some polls as high as number 5 in the state, however, after last week; they knew they had been in a tough contest. Eldorado was outscored 3 to 2 in the practice, yet, the Eagles did extremely well in many areas. Coach Grubbs commented on the scrimmage, "We really performed well in a lot of different situations. We still need some work, but, overall the entire staff is please as to where we are thus far."

Tomorrow night, the 2002 season "officially" opens in Christoval. The Cougars are picked to finish first in their district and are led by QB, Javier Rojas. Coach Grubbs commented on the upcoming game, "We have to execute up front and our backs have to hit the holes quickly. We're looking at 3 to 4 yards per play and having the clock on our side." Defensively the Eagles will have their hands full with the explosive Cougar offense. Coach Charlie Bunch said, "We have to line up, play position defense, attack the ball, and not let Rojas get to us. If we can accomplish that, it should be a good night for us."

Offensively for the Eagles, Trey Chavez will start at QB. Quisto Gonzalez and Ray Buitron will complete the Eagle backfield. Additionally, Ryan Adame should see some action as well. The line is anchored by center, Reese Schwiening. On the right side will be guard Alvaro Moya and tackle Will Griffin. On the left will be guard Francisco Duran and tackle

Joey Hernandez. Mike Adame will be the tight-end along with Bobby Phillips, Jordan Fay, Phillip Martinez, Landon Nixon, and Joe Arispe at the wide outs. Frankie Arispe and J.R. Arispe should see some offensive minutes as well.

Defensively, the Eagles will have Chris Sanchez and Ross Hodges at the tackles. Jordan Fay and Mike Adame are the ends. Ray Buitron, Seth Taylor, and Alan Dykstra will see time at inside LB, while Trey Chavez, Frankie Arispe and Ryan Adame will play rover. Landon Nixon and Joe Arispe will be on the corners while Phillip Martinez will be at safety. Todd Overstreet, Joey Hernandez, and Cole Wilkerson will also see action.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to Christoval tomorrow night for a 7:30 pm kick-off. Wear your green and be loud!



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN
Just out of reach—Eagles quarterback Trey Chavez was too quick for this Badger defender last Friday night as he sprinted around the right end of the line and then turned upfield for good yardage. The Eagles traveled to McCamey for their final tune-up scrimmage. The Warbirds travel to Christoval tomorrow night for the season opener with the Cougars.

Eagles gear up for 2002 season

Warbirds will face several tough teams this year

by David E. Hill

When you first look at the Eagles schedule for this year and see 4 of 5 class 1-A teams, you may think, pretty soft. Think again. Four of the five of Eldorado's opponents in the pre-season are coming off of playoff runs. And four of the five are picked to either finish first or second in their respective district races. These first five games should have the Eagles well tested for loop play in the second week of October.

The Eagles open the season tomorrow night against the Christoval Cougars in Christoval. The Cougars are picked to finish first in their district this year after qualifying for the playoffs last year with a 9 and 2 record. The Cougars return 7 offensive and 8 defensive starters from last year's squad. Javier Rojas will again lead the Cougars on offense.

Eldorado will then face former district opponent Mason at home. The Punchers are picked to finish in the top three in most preseason polls after a run of two weeks in the playoffs last year. They return 4 offensive and 5 defensive starters.

EHS will then face perennial 1A powerhouse Menard at home. As always this game has had a history of being a great game no matter what the two teams accomplish the rest of the year. Menard is picked to finish behind Christoval in their district. The Yellowjackets went 3 rounds into the playoffs last year and are returning 16 lettermen.

The Eagles will then face Rankin there. The Red Devils have had good success over the last sev-

eral years. They finished the season last year at 7 and 3. They return 5 offensive and 6 defensive starters.

After an open week, EHS will then face Iraan for Homecoming. The Braves are coming off another successful 2001 season at 11 and 1. They are returning 5 offensive and defensive starters from last year. Jr. QB, Jared Jennings, will lead them this year.

Eldorado will then open district play with Grape Creek, followed by Sonora, Reagan County, Wall, and then close out the regular season against Ozona.

A lot of prognosticators have the Eagles picked to finish near the bottom of district 2-2A, however, with some early success, the War Birds should surprise some people.

School Menu

**Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line**

Monday, September 2
Cheese Pizza, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, September 3
Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Peas & Carrots, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Pudding w/ Topping

Wednesday, September 4
Ham & Cheese, Sandwich, Potato Chips, (or Tater Tots MS/HS), Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, September 5
Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Apple Crisp

Friday, September 6
Hamburger, Cheesy Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chocolate Cookies

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.
Juice offered w/each breakfast

Monday, September 2
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

Tuesday, September 3
Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Orange Juice

Wednesday, September 4
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice

Thursday, September 5
Donut, Cheese, Apple Sauce

Friday, September 6
Breakfast Pizza, Apple Juice

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JV divided into two teams

Due in part to the large number of players on the team, and in hopes of getting more playing time for all the boys, the Eagles JV has been divided into two teams and there will be two JV games here tonight. The First JV game will be

against Ozona at 5:00 p.m. with the second game against Christoval following immediately thereafter. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support these student athletes as they strive to represent Eldorado on the gridiron.



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For existing lawns and landscapes a few simple adjustments in lawn management practices will make you water smart.

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- Reduce watering frequency to once a week
 - Water slowly during the early morning when it is cooler
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ing promotes root growth and drought tolerance

- Use sprinklers which produce large drops of water
- Avoid watering on windy days
- Forget about watering streets and sidewalks (they will not grow)
- Raise the mower cutting height, taller grass reduces evaporation

For your trees and shrubs:

- Use mulch to retain moisture and reduce evaporation
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses

When planning landscape changes consider changing the "old established" landscape thinking

- Use native plant and grass varieties -- Buffalo grass requires watering every 2-5 weeks while St Augustine requires watering every 5 days.

- Decorate areas with rocks, gravel, or other materials

- Expand existing flower beds with native plants and mulch

- Mulch out to the drip line of existing trees

- Think in terms of Xeriscape landscaping

Being water smart is a win-win proposition.

- Plants and grass are healthier and develop deeper root systems

- Native plants require less "maintenance" (water and work)

- Less water use equals lower water or utility bills

For more water smart information, brochures, to schedule a program, or request a water analysis contact Cindy Cawley at 853-2121.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

In the money — Randy Mitchel (L) received a Piggy Bank filled with \$106.27 in cash on Monday from First National Bank President Hyman Sauer. Mitchel won the money by guessing nearest the number of pennies in a jar during teacher orientation at SCISD. In fact, Mitchel's guess only missed by one penny. She guessed 628 pennies when there were actually 627. FNB then kicked in another \$100 to the jackpot.

Round-Up for Rehab slated

Schleicher County's Ronnie Mittel and Mike Moore are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will serve as local chairmen of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 43rd annual Round-Up for Rehab. Regional chairmen Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson join them, both of Abilene.

Round-Up for Rehab is a year-round program that provides friends in the agriculture industry an opportunity to show their support of West Texas Rehab. Fall is the most active time of year for the event with seven special auctions scheduled. Cattle sales will be on September 19 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 24 at Abilene Auction. Specialty sales (all animals) will be October 2 in Coleman, October 4 in Dublin, October 10 in Ranger, October 14 in Junction and October 30 in Stephenville.

Among ways to participate are: 1) Donate livestock to a sale in your area; 2) Make a cash gift to WTRC; or 3) Attend one of the sales and join the bidding on livestock or novelty items

Sponsors of this year's Round-Up for Rehab are Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Wrangler, Federal Land Bank, First Ag Credit and StrongPoint Dog Food. Together these businesses have donated \$25,000 to ensure the success of this year's program. Lone Star Beef, A-B Distributing and Hudson Livestock Supplement are providing additional support. Since its inception in 1960, Round-Up Rehab has brought in \$8,924,637 for treatment services for children and adults.

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For more information, contact your local chairman or WTRC - Abilene at (915)793-3507; WTRC - San Angelo at (915)223-6300; or WTRC - Ozona (915)392-9872.

Commissioners discuss budget, golf club, constable position

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were then okayed by the commissioners.

At one point in the meeting, Commissioner Johnny Mayo informed the court that he had invited Mike Lux, the Democratic nominee for Commissioner in Pct. 4, to attend and witness the budgeting process. And, later in the day Lux did arrive. He stayed for a portion of the meeting, but left before it concluded.

While on the subject of the budget, Judge Griffin noted that an increase in taxable value in the county will result in a lower effective tax rate. Currently the county's tax rate stands at 75.25 cents per \$100 valuation. In 2003 a tax rate of 71.09 cents would be needed to raise the same amount of money.

Commissioners weighed several options during the budget discussions, including a reduction in the Sheriff's office budget, the Fire Department budget and an increase in revenue to the budget from Justice of the Peace fines and fees. High on the commissioners wish list for the next budget is a \$100 per month increase in full-time employee salaries. A 3 percent increase in the pay to elected

officials is also being considered. At this time, however, the commissioners appear intent on exempting themselves from any pay raise.

Other budget considerations, including the County Extension budget and possible pay increases for part-time employees was put off till a future meeting. The men are tentatively slated to vote on a budget and tax rate at their next meeting on Sept. 9, 2002.

Judge Griffin then advised the commissioners that several people, including local rancher Ray Willoughby, have expressed an interest in filling the Constable's position. During several recent meetings, the commissioners have alluded to numerous unnamed persons who are interested in seeking the position, but Willoughby's is the first name to be mentioned in open court. Currently, Tommy Hunley holds the position of Constable and receives county health insurance as compensation. He has not attended the law enforcement academy, however, and is not a certified peace officer.

Moving on to other business, a previously adopted resolution concerning an indigent defense grant was determined to be improperly worded and a corrected resolution was adopted by the court.

Next, payment of \$105.36 for an electric bill was approved for an individual who qualified for indigent assistance.

Before adjourning the commissioners approved three funds transfers requested by Treasurer Karen Henderson. \$5,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Meals Program; \$14,500.00 was transferred from the Money Market Interest Account to the General Fund; and \$5,000 was moved from the Community Resource Center Fund to General Fund.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, September 2**
Closed For Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 3**
Hot Dogs w/ Chili, Cheese, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bun, Pineapple Waldorf, Brownie, Milk
- Wednesday, September 4**
Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, September 5**
Soft Taco w/ Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/ Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fresh Fruit w/ Cantaloupe, Milk
- Friday, September 6**
BBQ Pork Ribette, Baked Tater Tots, Lima Beans, Bun, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Strawberries, Milk



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Hospital trustees meet, review annual audit report

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6:17 p.m. without taking action on the matter.

Others present for the meeting included Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor, management consultant Andy Freeman and former interim administrator Larry Baggett.

Moving on to other business, the board approved the minutes of the July 15 and July 25 meetings. Next, they met with auditor Larry Anderson, representing the accounting firm of J.W. Anderson and Associates in Lubbock.

Anderson presented his audit report for the 2001 budget year and noted that the hospital district's books are in order. He noted that the lack of a physician during nine months in 2001 had a negative impact on the district's bottom line. Still, Anderson found a few positives to report on, specifically, the impact that joining the Critical Access Program has had on the

facility. He further noted that increased a decline in the number of days in accounts receivable indicated that the staff is actively pursuing money owed to the hospital, while an increase in the overall amount in accounts receivable points to a dramatic increase in business at the facility.

Anderson was asked specifically about the amount of bad debt the hospital incurs. He noted that in 2001 SCMC's bad debt represented 8 percent of revenues, a number that is below other facilities of a comparable size.

After reviewing the audit and several accompanying graphs and charts, the board thanked Anderson for his time and voted unanimously to approve the 2001 audit report.

The trustees then reviewed Quality Assurance Reports from both the hospital and nursing home, presented by Marion Porter and Annie Arispe. Next, the board reviewed and approved the

district's financial statements.

While looking over the district's current financial picture, the trustees learned that the combined hospital, clinic and nursing home are operating in the black. Randy Mankin was quick to point out, however, that the district is still using tax money to pay for operations.

The board then heard from Administrator Sharon Dietz who explained that an application, filed with the Texas Department of Health, to convert the district's clinic into a Rural Health Clinic, has been accepted and that personnel from TDH will conduct an unannounced on-site survey in the near future. She added that the switch to Rural Health Clinic status should result in more revenue to the district due to increased reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid.

Next, Dietz said that she is currently reviewing several personnel policies, including ones that govern the way the district reimburses employees for continuing education. She told the trustees that she intends to work toward a policy whereby employees would agree to continue working at SCMC for a given period of time in return for the district paying for their continuing education.

Dietz also explained that the district's bylaws require at least

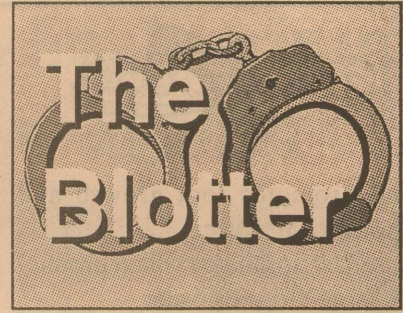
one board member to attend quarterly medical staff meetings. She noted that no board member has attended the last three meetings. Mankin asked that the board be reminded of the quarterly meetings at the board meeting immediately preceding the medical staff meeting.

The trustees then voted to accept the resignation from fellow board member John Callison. In a resignation letter Callison stated that he had intended not to seek reelection but did so only because there were three vacancies on the board and he wanted the group to continue to have a quorum. Callison expressed his continued support for the hospital and wished the trustees well in the future.

Next the trustees elected Shirley Joiner to serve as Board Secretary, a post previously held by Callison. They also gave their authorization for Administrator Sharon Dietz to negotiate patient transfer agreements with area medical facilities.

Before adjourning the board approved a resolution changing the signatories on the district's various bank accounts to include Sharon Dietz. They also approved the reappointment of Pharmacist Shannon Wideman to consulting medical staff.

Randy Mankin then explained that a budget committee meeting would be held at noon on Friday, August 30, and called a special board meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2002, at which time the trustees will take up discussion of the 2003 budget.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

August 22 • Trujillo, Francisco Esparza, male age 50, arrested by SC Officer, charge Indecency With Child/Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

REPORTS

August 20 • 10:43 p.m. Complainant reported a individual at a business who had a Criminal Trespass warrant placed on them. No Criminal Trespass found on subject. Criminal Trespass was served on subject and business was notified.

11:05 p.m. Complainant stated a female subject walked into the store and stated they had hit a deer with their vehicle. Officer responded.

August 21 • 3:43 p.m. Complainant reported a local subjects lifeline had gone off and officer responded and found everything OK.

8:43 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Officer reported a stranded motorist. Complainant not sure if the subjects were in Schleicher or Sutton County. Black Nissan is occupied by two females. Officer responded.

August 22 • 12:24 p.m. Complainant reported a silver Chevy pickup driving reckless, occupied by one male. Vehicle also had a white tool box and a black headache rack. Officer responded and was unable to locate. Information forwarded to Sutton County.

1:44 p.m. Subject reported a round bail of hay that had caught on fire. Officers and Fire Department responded.

3:36 p.m. Shot's Store in Sonora reported a gas drive off. Complainant reported subject headed north on Hwy. 277 in a newer model Chevy pickup, gold in color and occupied by a white male. Officer responded.

8:47 p.m. A handicapped individual called the Sheriff's Office for

a tire change on their RV.

August 23 • 7:05 a.m. Complainant reported four horses out on FM 2529 12 miles out. Owner was contacted.

8:18 a.m. Subject requested to speak to an officer about a lock being changed on their gate.

9:13 a.m. Complainant on Hwy. 190 East reported goats out near the highway. Officer responded.

August 24 • 2:09 a.m. Complainant reported a fight in progress at the Eldorado Place Apartments. Two officers responded and was unable to locate fight.

• Subject reported having bees in the walls of their residence and the bees were coming into the house stinging people. Fire department personnel responded.

2:25 p.m. and **8:39 p.m.** Security company reported both times an alarm sounding at the residence. Officer and key holder responded.

August 25 • 1:20 a.m. Security company reported an alarm sounding at the residence. Officer and key holder responded.

2:06 a.m. Complainant called the Sheriff's Office to report a disturbance on Old Sonora Road.

9:22 a.m. Subject on County Road 412 reported a strong natural gas smell.

10:44 p.m. Security company reported an alarm going off at a residence. Officer and key holder responded.

August 26 • 7:45 a.m. Complainant on East Street Apartments reported someone had taken their daughter's 15 speed bicycle. Officer responded.

6:22 p.m. Bank alarm sounded. Officer and key holder responded and found everything OK.

7:53 p.m. Complainant reported a person harassing them. Officer responded.

9:51 p.m. Complainant on Nance Street reported three skunks in their back yard. Officer responded and two shots were fired.

August 27 • 8:33 a.m. Complainant on North Divide reported a skunk in their yard. Officer responded.

8:35 a.m. Complainant at Eldorado Place Apartments reported Criminal Mischief done to their car.

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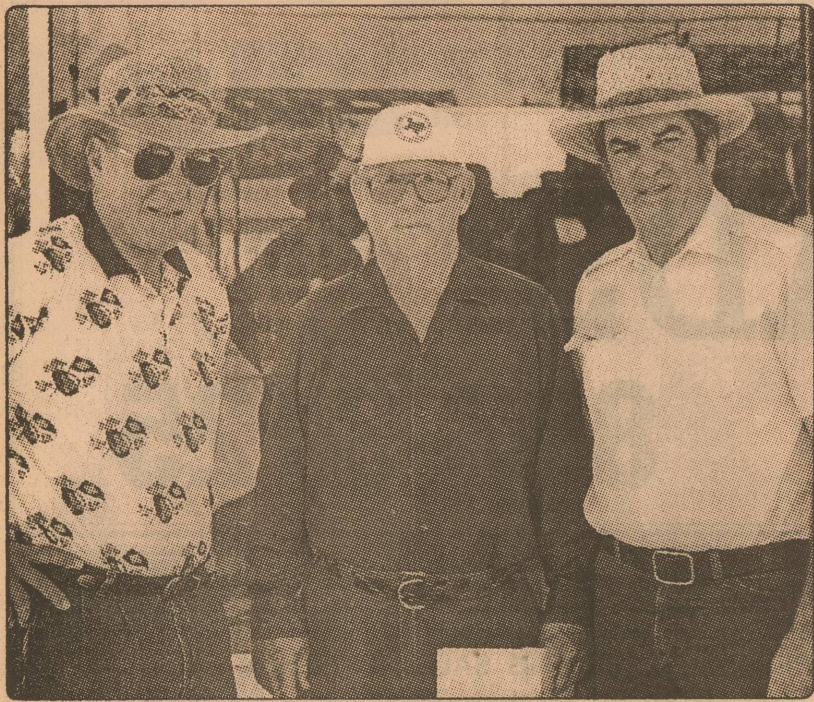
Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Danny Halbert and Ricky Jones. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the men they were taking part in the first-ever Tagoo call at the Tagoo Refuge in the Hysterical District on S.Divide.

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Guest of Honor — Claude Spencer (center) received a Certificate of Dedication from Jim Runge (R) and the thanks of Mayor John Nikolauk (L) in recognition of his 1959 sighting of the first Tagoo Bird, right here in Eldorado.

Eldorado's Tagoo Bird legend still growing 40+ years later

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Committee (EOBOC), another of Runge's favorite causes. "There's no reason Eldorado can't host an Olympiad," Runge contends. "All we've got to do is raise a little bribe money and the games could be ours."

But the focus Saturday wasn't on the Olympics. Nor was it on the Sagima Saim Festival Runge organized as an alternative to the Mias Amigas Reunion last June. Neither did conversation turn to the Elgoatrod Race that Runge has planned to compete with Alaska's Iditarod dog sled race. No, the day belonged to Claude Spencer and the Tagoo Bird.

"We're here to honor a man who has single-handedly promoted the sport of Tagoo calling since

1959, when he became the first person to spot one of the birds," Runge said. Then with a group of about forty well-wishers looking on, Runge presented Claude Spencer with a Certificate of Dedication on behalf of the EOBOC. The certificate reads, "Whereas, the City of Eldorado is the Tagoo Bird Capital of Texas; and Whereas, this has come about primarily by the untiring efforts of one of its citizens to educate several generations of the citizenry about the Tagoo Bird and its distinct call, the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee would like to bestow its highest honor to this citizen in recognition of his constant dedication to the goal of promoting the Tagoo Bird in Eldorado and surrounding environs. Therefore, and To Wit; this committee hereby presents to one of its favorite sons and lifelong resident Claude Oran Spencer the first-ever Certificate of Dedication to Eldorado for the many hours of pleasure this activity has provided in Eldorado over the past 45 years, and has enhanced Eldorado's reputation as being able to create unique self-entertainment through its citizens' imaginations. This certificate will now and in the future, be awarded only to those individuals who have helped make Eldorado the distinctive community that it has become during the 100+ years of its existence."

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk then spoke, and thanked Jim Runge for his efforts in promoting Eldorado and extended his

and the city's best wishes to Claude Spencer, who is retired after many years as a city employee.

Next, Runge presented a personalized pen set to Tumbleweed Smith. Perhaps that should be called a pin set since it consisted of a block of wood, cut in the shape of Texas, painted Red, White and Blue, that served as a holder for three pins, a straight pin, a push pin and a safety pin.

Following a brief tour of the 1907 bank building, which Runge has converted into the Schleicher-

sonian Hall of Fame and Pool Hall, the crowd made its way to Runge's "Hysterical District" near the south end of town. There the mass Tagoo calling followed.

It remains to be seen if anyone's minds were changed concerning the existence of the fabled Tagoo Bird. One thing is for sure, though, Claude Spencer believes in it. And, judging from the number of folk who gathered to honor Claude...maybe, just maybe the Tagoo's legacy will live on in Eldorado.

Sonora Goat Test held July 24

by Scott Edmonson
Schleicher County Agent, Ag

A wet West Texas July and rumblings that the new farm bill will be favorable to sheep and goat producers did little to boost prices at this year's annual Angora Goat Performance Test Sale conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station July 24.

The sale featured young Angora bucks who have successfully completed the Experiment Station's 112-day performance test. The test measures fiber quality and quantity and average daily gain of the animals. Breeders can use this information to identify superior breeding animals to enhance the fleece-producing qualities of their flocks. Sixty-four animals completed the test. Sixteen of the best were offered for sale.

The nine bucks that sold through the sale averaged \$247.22 per head, bringing the total receipts for the offering to \$2,225.

David Steinberg of Perry, Iowa bought the high selling animal from veteran Blanco goat breeder Fritz Kuebel, Jr. for \$450. The buck had an average daily gain of 0.48 pounds per day and finished the 112-day test at 144 pounds. His fleece had a fineness measurement of 35.4 microns and his final index score was 45.14. Kuebel also consigned the second high selling animal. That buck was purchased

by Cerulean Farm of Harrah, Oklahoma for \$300.

Sonora rancher Joe David Ross was the sale's volume buyer. Ross bought five bucks for a total of \$1,025.

The top indexing animal owned by Sonora rancher Jimmy Holman was not sold in the sale. That buck completed the test at 142 pounds with an average daily gain of 0.52 pounds. His fleece measured 35.2 microns and his final index was 57.32.

"This was as good a set of young Angora bucks as we have ever had on test," said Dr. Dan Waldron, Experiment Station researcher and the test's coordinator. "Unfortunately, economic conditions affecting the mohair industry are still such that widespread interest in Angora goats remains marginal. Prices here reflected that. It is hoped that the new farm bill interpretations, now being completed by the Farm Services Agency in Washington, D.C., will pump new life into the Angora goat business and soon have it back on its feet. In the meantime, it is a real pleasure to know that these dedicated breeders still support this testing effort as they have for years. Despite the adversity the business has faced in recent times, they still raise top Angora goats and continue to make great strides in their flock improvement programs."

Menard to host Wildlife Management Field Day

by Scott Edmonson
Schleicher County Agent, Ag

The Menard County Game and Livestock Committee and the Texas Cooperative Extension will be sponsoring a Wildlife Management Field Day on Saturday, August 31, 2002 at the Murchison Memorial Showbarn in Menard. The program will be from 10:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. and will have booths and displays set up during this time.

The schedule includes topics

such as predator management, deer nutrition, value of native plants, food plots, feed pens, game feeders and more. There will also be 2½ CEU's available for those individuals with a pesticide applicators license. Lunch will be available at noon.

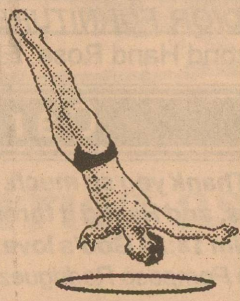
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